

May 16, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LIBRARY FACILITIES MITIGATION FEE
FIFTH YEAR FISCAL REPORT
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the findings in the attached report for the County Library Facilities Mitigation Fee Program as of June 30, 2004.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Government Code Section 66001 (d) requires that for the fifth fiscal year following the first deposit into the account or fund established for library facilities mitigation fee revenues, the County make certain findings with respect to that portion of each account or fund remaining unexpended, whether committed or uncommitted for projects.

On October 27, 1998, the Board adopted an ordinance establishing a library facilities mitigation fee as Chapter 22.72 of the County Code. The Public Library's developer fee program took effect on December 26, 1998 in all unincorporated areas served by the County of Los Angeles Public Library. The Public Library established a separate fund for each of the seven developer fee planning areas, and made the first deposit in Fiscal Year 1998-99. The Public Library has prepared the attached report for the developer fee program as of the close of Fiscal Year 2003-04 pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 66001 (d) and recommends that the Board adopt the findings in the report in accordance with that Section.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation by the Board is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan goals of fiscal responsibility and organizational effectiveness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Not applicable.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 66001 (d), the County is required to make certain findings with respect to that portion of each developer fee account remaining unexpended, whether committed or uncommitted, in the fifth fiscal year following the first deposit into the account or fund established for library facilities mitigation fee revenues. The required findings are: (1) identify the purpose to which the fee is to be put; (2) demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the fee and the purpose for which it is charged; (3) identify all sources and amounts of funding anticipated to complete financing of incomplete improvements; and (4) designate the approximate dates on which the funding identified in (3) is expected to be deposited into the appropriate account or fund. The required findings are addressed in the attached report. All findings in the report are as of June 30, 2004.

Since the time the Board established the developer fee program in 1998, the Public Library has modified its facility planning requirements to incorporate in its guidelines accepted industry-wide planning standards, current trends in public library services, and best practices for public library planning and design in California and nationally. In 2001, the Public Library completed a project, using GIS technology, to identify and map the library service area boundaries of all 84 community and regional libraries. That project enabled us to relate more accurate Census data and other demographic information to individual library service areas. We are also now better able to identify the impact of general population growth, and growth due to development, on existing libraries, and to determine the size and location of new public library facilities within the developer fee planning areas to serve this growth

The Capital Improvement Plan included in the 1998 developer fee report used SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments) population data based on the 1990 U.S. Census to project the population growth in the unincorporated developer fee planning areas for year 2010 and year 2020. Since then, the 2000 U.S. Census has been completed and

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SCAG has updated its 2020 population projections and extended its projections to 2030 based on the 2000 Census data. The Public Library is currently updating its developer fee program and will incorporate the new facility planning guidelines, library service areas, and the 2030 SCAG population projections into a new Capital Improvement Plan included in the updated study. We will return to the Board with the updated developer fee program for your consideration at a later date.

When the Public Library submitted the developer fee report to the Board in 1998, the purpose of this program was stated to be the establishment of a dedicated supplemental financing mechanism to pay for the construction of library facilities or augmentation of existing library facilities to serve the expanding populations in developing areas of the County. When the modifications in the Library's facility planning guidelines and the revised SCAG population projections are applied to the projects in the original Capital Improvement Plan included in the 1998 developer fee report, the need for new or augmented library facilities in the unincorporated areas is even greater than it was in 1998. Based on this increased need for new or augmented library facilities to serve the growing populations in the unincorporated planning areas, the original purpose of the developer fee program is still relevant and continuance of the program is necessary to meet this need.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter and attached report to the Public Library, and one copy to County Counsel, Attention: Lauren Black, Room 648, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

Respectfully submitted,



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County Librarian

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c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors